

## Buckland's Beach Primary School February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Parents



Welcome back to the 2012 B.B.P.S. school year. Special greetings are extended to our new children and their families: Jesse Horn, Ben Kirman, Luka Moran, Nicholas Zhou, Declan Viljoen, Victoria Parsons, Sophie MacIntyre, Xavier Nelson, Brenna Yan, Georgia Yan, Shiroy Billiardmaker, Carson Mills, Joseph Leung, Zoe Lit, Eric Zeng, Aryan Sisodiya, Truson Yong, Rhi Ann Yong, Trumen Yong, Tom Brightman, Josie Brightman, Tiraha-Ana Glover, Nicholas Zhou, Anna Brightman, Samuel Cheng, Nikita Allen, Rene Allen, Lucy Glover, Samuel Glover, James Glover, Jaden Cheng, Lola Hankins, Neo Havenga, Meon Havenga, Liam Hardwick, Zoe Holt, Yeho Kim, & Mihika Jakowetz. Our starting roll is 415. 38 new children have joined us, with 16 of these children enrolling over the holidays.

### School News

Staff have worked over the last weeks of the holidays, preparing classrooms, planning programmes and becoming familiar with student records. There have been 3 days of professional development. This term promises to be busy, exciting and full of learning opportunities for children.

### New Staff

We welcome Miss Cindy Williams (R.8) and Mr John Hazel (R.15) and Ms Tanya Hampton (R.14) who has returned from maternity leave.

### Teachers & Classrooms for 2012

#### Junior Team Years 0, 1 & 2

Mrs Gina Smith	Reading Recovery
Mrs Louise Johnson	Room 7
Miss Cindy Williams	Room 8
Ms Rosemary Wilson	Room 9
Mrs Philippa Cadwallader	Room 10
Mrs Vicki Burgess	Room 12

Gina Smith & Louise Johnson will co-lead the Junior Team as Mrs Jenny Todd is on leave for 2012.

#### Middle Team Years 3 & 4

Mrs Robyn Millinchip	Room 13
Ms Tanya Hampton	Room 14
Mr John Hazel	Room 15
Miss Whitney Gordon	Room 16

Mrs Jacinta Howie Room 17  
Mrs Robyn Millinchip is the Team Leader.

#### Senior Team Years 5 & 6

Mrs Kerri Riach	Room 1
Mrs Faye Chilvers	Room 2
Ms Lynn Corderoy	Room 3
Ms Jillian Redpath	Room 4
Mrs Robyn Wilshire	Room 5

Ms Jillian Redpath is the Team Leader.

#### Specialist Teachers:

Mrs Carol Hughes English Language Learners (ELL)  
Mr Roger Whatman & Ms Rebecca Whatman - Sport

#### Learning Support Teacher Aides:

Mrs Angela O'Shaughnessy  
Mrs Eryl Jones  
Mrs Donna Gormley  
Mrs Megan Flashman

Miss Caroline Fausett	Library/Resources
Mr Bob Earl	Caretaker

Mrs Julie Bayer	Office Manager
Mrs Taryn Taylor	Office Assistant

Ms Carole Crompton	Deputy Principal
Mrs Dorothy Bodley	Principal

#### The Parent-School Partnership

We strive to foster positive relationships and open communication between home and school, so please contact us if you need information or wish to share a concern. A strong, positive partnership between home and school is an important foundation for learning to occur.

Teachers are usually in their classrooms from 8.30 a.m., greeting children as they arrive and liaising with parents about day to day issues. Again, generally teachers are available after school until 3.30 p.m. for scheduled appointments or informal discussion, although they have a staff meeting each week, usually on a Tuesday until 4.30/5.00 p.m. and a team meeting on another afternoon. Team Leaders meet on Wednesday afternoons until 5.00 p.m. but on other days they can be available upon request. The Deputy Principal and I wish to be available as needed, either for informal chats or by appointment. Just pop in and see if we are free, or make an appointment directly.

All teaching staff can be contacted by letter, by leaving a message at the office ([office@bbps.school.nz](mailto:office@bbps.school.nz)) or by email using first name followed by the school address e.g. [dorothy@bbps.school.nz](mailto:dorothy@bbps.school.nz) is my address.

### Newsletter Communication

- A monthly newsletter from the principal is sent home in paper form (eldest & only) on the first of each month.
- Team newsletters with details of junior, middle and senior events and organisational details are sent home early each term.
- Additional flyers and information about specific events are also sent home as they are relevant.
- All newsletters are available on the website.

*Please check school bags, emails and the website for newsletters as they are an important form of communication to help you keep informed and help you and your child / children get most benefit from what we offer.*

### School Donations

B.B.P.S. is heavily reliant on school donations to provide current programmes and services. We are grateful for the financial support of our community and hope that this continues in 2012.

Donations are now due and an invoice has been mailed to you accompanied by a letter from the Board of Trustees. In 2012 the school donations is \$310.00. You may elect to pay \$80.00 per term if you prefer. Eftpos and credit card facilities are available in the school office, and there are tax advantages.

### School Stationery

School stationery packs are available from Crandall Peters (Paper Plus), Picton Street, Howick. These packs have been carefully selected by your child's teacher and are an economical way of purchasing stationery requirements as Paper Plus are giving you, the parents, a very competitive price. If you would like to purchase elsewhere, lists are available from the school office.

### Uniforms

The **navy blue broad-brimmed hat** is part of the school uniform. Students are expected to wear this from Labour weekend to Easter, to and from school and whenever they are outside. It is very hot now, and parents should consider providing sun-screen and water bottles for children to use. We encourage children to bring water only to school in their drink bottles.

School uniforms are a reflection of school pride and students are asked to wear full, correct uniform (including footwear) to and from school each day. The whanau shirt and shorts are needed for regular sport and whanau activities. Home help in encouraging students to be organised with uniform expectations is appreciated.

Found, un-named items of clothing are kept at the back of the hall, and children and parents are invited to look there for lost clothing. Named clothing has a much better chance of being returned! At the end of term, some unclaimed items are donated to charity.

### School lunches

The school tuck shop will reopen on Wednesday 8 February. Menus are available from the school office. It is open for morning tea and lunch orders on Wednesdays and Fridays only.

Children are supervised for lunch eating. They are asked not to share food and to take home uneaten food and wrappers. If your child has significant allergies it is important that we are informed. Please refrain from sending along sweet treats to the class for birthdays as this gets out of hand quickly – thanks!

### Board of Trustees News

Board of Trustee meetings are held each month and are open to the public. Our Community Notices noticeboard and the school calendar provide details of when these meetings occur, and parents are welcome to attend. Parents wishing to raise issues with the B.O.T. are asked to do this with the Board Chair, Brett Shields, or myself, well ahead. Our first B.O.T. meeting is Monday 20 February at 7.00 p.m. in the staffroom.

### PTA News

The P.T.A. contributes in many ways and all parents are encouraged to come along to meetings and participate. Meetings are monthly and are held at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom. The first meeting for 2012 is on Valentine's Day, Tuesday 14 February!

### Health & Safety

Please phone the school office (534-6543) or send a note to the school prior to an absence. Checks are made daily at 9.00 a.m. Any unexplained absences are followed up with a phone call to parents. This can be time consuming for office staff – we do appreciate it if parents leave a phone message prior to 9.00 a.m. A sign-out book is held at the office. If your child has an appointment during the school day please sign him/her

in and out. Late children should report to the office before going to classrooms.

### **"Getting to know your child" Conferences**

"Getting to know Your Child" conferences are scheduled for Week 3, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 3.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. We hope all parents will take the opportunity to meet teachers and share important information for the year. A separate newsletter and booklet has been sent home and explains how to book and prepare.

### **Property**

Fencing is under installation at present. This is Ministry of Education funded for the needs of an enrolled student, and B.O.T. approved. Gates will be locked during the school day. We plan to leave the gates unlocked after school, so that the community can continue to use the facilities after school. If vandalism or theft becomes a problem, the Board of Trustees will consider using the new fence and gates to close the school grounds after hours.

Skateboarders cause damage and are banned from the school grounds, as is any usage after dark. We seek the support of neighbours and friends of the school to report suspicious behaviour, which may lead to vandalism or theft. If you are concerned, please ring the police on 111. Summit Security's contact details are 0800 697325. For serious property concerns out of hours, I can be contacted on 021 2433687 or Garry Boles (B.O.T.) on 027 2776820.

Over the holidays work progressed on storage of resources. We have improved storage rooms in the main block, and P.E. resources will soon relocate to the hall. Staff room toilets were freshened up as well. The rotunda and R13 outdoor seats were finished.

### **Sports News**

Ms Lynn Corderoy co-ordinates interschool fixtures with teachers leading specific sporting codes. A newsletter requesting parent helpers will be distributed soon. Rebecca and Roger Whatman are sports specialists who work with older children on Mondays and Thursdays, and children need to bring sports clothing on these days, according to class rosters. Children need swimming togs at school on a regular basis.

### **Music Opportunities**

It is exciting that we are offering increased user-pays musical instrument opportunities this year at B.B.P.S. as follows:

**KBB Lessons** during the school day (Years 3-6) a flyer is available from the school office

**Macleans Instrumental Programme** (Nigel Weeks from Macleans College in conjunction with the Howick School of Music) during the school day

**Guitar: Phil Rice** before/after school

**Ukelele: Kathleen Marich** Thursday 3.10 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. (see separate newsletter)

Many of these programmes hire or supply the musical instruments. Please inquire at the school office for flyers and information about these user-pays opportunities. To avoid disappointment, please inquire promptly if you are interested

### **Building Resilience in Children**

It has been a delight to see so many children return to school happy and confident. Teachers use a variety of strategies to encourage children to make new friends in their class for this year. They take special care of new children. Parents can help in the transition time by showing patience and a positive attitude. It helps if you can listen without judgement and show a real interest in what your child has enjoyed at school. If there is persistent anxiety, talk to us about it, either at the "Getting to know Your Child" Conferences in Week 3, or earlier.

Each month an article from Michael Grose is included for your interest. This month it is entitled "Making the most of this school year".

### **Upcoming Events**

A Term 1 calendar is enclosed for your information on term 1 events. Please contact the school office if you require any further details.

### **Community Notices**

**Year 1 to year 6 French or Spanish Classes starting in week 3** at Bucklands Beach Primary school, if you are interested please contact **Katia Errady-Christophers** on 537 5840 or 0276313239 or [katia@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:katia@lcfclubs.co.nz) for more details.

**Chinese Lessons** – \$9 per session – pre-paid for a 10-session course. They are able to offer an absolute beginners class and an intermediate class. If your child is interested, please have them go to the library on Wednesday 8 February at 3.15 p.m.